

## Midweek Lent 4

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7:00p

### Responsive Prayer 2 p. 285

#### 543 What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll

caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my  
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will  
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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#### Opening Versicles

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- L** O Lord, open my lips,
  - C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
  - L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
  - C** make haste to help me, O Lord.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

#### Psalm

Psalm 51:1-19

- L** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
- C** according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- L** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
- C** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- L** Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
- C** so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.
- L** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- C** Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- L** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- C** Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- L** Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- L** Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- C** Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- L** Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.
- C** Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
- L** O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
- C** For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
- L** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- C** Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem;
- L** then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

#### Reading

2 Samuel 12:1-13

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup>The rich man had very many flocks and herds, <sup>3</sup>but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup>Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." <sup>5</sup>Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, <sup>6</sup>and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." <sup>7</sup>Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. <sup>8</sup>And I gave

you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. <sup>9</sup>Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup>Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' <sup>11</sup>Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. <sup>12</sup>For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.'"<sup>13</sup>David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

*1 John 1:8—2:2*

<sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup>He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

*John 20:19-23*

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

<sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;  
2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion;  
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,  
4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.  
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;  
But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.  
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish  
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,  
Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;  
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.  
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.  
This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.  
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

5 If my sins give me alarm  
And my conscience grieve me,  
Let Your cross my fear disarm;  
Peace of conscience give me.  
Help me see forgiveness won  
By Your holy passion.  
If for me He slays His Son,  
God must have compassion!

6 Graciously my faith renew;  
Help me bear my crosses,  
Learning humbleness from You,  
Peace mid pain and losses.  
May I give You love for love!  
Hear me, O my Savior,  
That I may in heav'n above  
Sing Your praise forever.

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## Sermon

Theme: We Are Forgiven: The Office of the Keys  
Text: John 20:19-23

### 843 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give,"  
2 How can Your par - don reach and bless  
3 In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals  
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls

You taught us, Lord, to pray; But You a - lone can  
The un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and  
The truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are  
And bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in

grant us grace To live the words we say.  
will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
owed to us, How great our debt to You!  
bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

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## Kyrie

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- L** O Lord,
- C** have mercy.
- L** O Christ,
- C** have mercy.
- L** O Lord,
- C** have mercy.

## Lord's Prayer

- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Versicles

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- L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- C** let my cry come to You.
- L** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
- C** for You answer me.
- L** Hide Your face from my sins,
- C** and blot out all my iniquities.
- L** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
- C** and renew a right spirit within me.
- L** Cast me not away from Your presence,
- C** and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- L** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
- C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- L** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
- C** my lips will praise You.
- L** For You have been my help,
- C** and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.
- L** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
- C** unite my heart to fear Your name.
- L** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
- C** and I will glorify Your name forever.
- L** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
- C** May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
- L** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
- C** Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
- L** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
- C** listen to my plea for grace.

## Collect of the Day

**L** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 287*

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Blessing

*LSB 287*

**L** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C** Amen.

## 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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